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# Peace News

JULY/AUGUST 2014



## CALGARY PEACE RUN & WALK FESTIVAL

Saturday September 20th  
9:30 AM Zumba Warm-Up / 10:00 AM Race Start,  
Festival Square Market, Eau Claire.

### PEACE? YES WE CAN!

- \* Promote nonviolence as a means of settling ALL disputes.
- \* Understand our interdependence.
- \* Honour the spirit of peace in all our actions.

Join the Calgary Peace Run & Walk  
Saturday September 20, 2014 - 10 AM  
Festival Market Square

Register: <http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?racelid=10526>

Info: [office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca) / 403-270-7366

Website: [www.calgarypeacerun.ca](http://www.calgarypeacerun.ca)

### Highlights of this year's Festival include:

MC: The Very Rev. Bill Phipps

Race Starter: MLA Kent Hehr

Welcome Song & Prayer: Chantal Stormsong Chagnon & Cheryle Greyeyes Chagnon

Facepainting by Fancy Faces Facepainting ([www.fancyfacescalgary.com](http://www.fancyfacescalgary.com))

Yoga Session for Children & Parents by Little Hippies Yoga  
(<http://www.littlehippieskidsyoga.com/>)

Henna by Monica Rose

Origami Cranes by Shinobu Apple and friends

Children's Storytelling & Craft Tent with Naomi Turner

Drum Circle featuring Judy Atkinson of Circles of Rhythm  
(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Circles-of-Rhythm/131903730178892>)

We are located:

Parkdale United  
Church  
2919 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
T2N 1C8

403-270-7366

Office hours:

Mon Tues & Wed  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

# Ploughshares News



## Donations

Now that we're all back to a normal routine after summer holidays, it's time to plan your charitable donations for the remainder of the year. Project Plough-

shares counts on people like YOU to keep our peace-based programming available to all Calgarians. We count on your regular support! Details on how to donate can be found at [ploughsharescalgary.ca/support-us/donate.html](http://ploughsharescalgary.ca/support-us/donate.html) or use the form on page 6 of this newsletter.

## Douglas Roche Luncheon & Book Launch Wednesday August 6th, Parkdale United

The Hon. Douglas Roche spoke about his book, *PEACEMAKERS: How people around the world are building a world free of war* at a luncheon attended by 40 people. In this time of seemingly constant warfare around the globe, Roche's message was refreshing and a cause for hope. He detailed the peacekeeping efforts of a number of unsung heroes, including former prime ministers, senior UN officials, religious figures, women's organization leaders and activists, and documented the successes of the past 2 decades in reducing conflict in the world, and in creating structures and institutions which are making war less likely and more difficult for states to initiate.



## Memorial Lantern Event for Hiroshima & Nagasaki Wednesday August 6th, Olympic Plaza

This year's event was extremely successful, with approximately 500 people in attendance. The Hon. Douglas Roche gave a stirring speech about the importance of nuclear abolition, warning of the dimensions of a humanitarian crisis in the event of a nuclear attack. The event also included short talks by Saima Jamal and Kuir Garang, a performance by a Japanese choir, and two speeches by 8 and 9 year old Sofia Hertz and Julia Brewer. The evening concluded with the launching of the lanterns on the reflecting pool at Olympic Plaza, while listening to beautifully soothing Andean flute music played by Marcos Parrada. Many thanks to Freshwater Creative for sponsoring this event again, as well as the organizing committee, volunteers, all the attendees and the Hon. Douglas Roche for coming to Calgary and making this a very profound evening for all in attendance.

## Upcoming Peace Education Presentations Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 2919 - 8 Avenue NW

### Spirituality and the Environment

**Wednesday September 10th, 2014 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

What do spirituality and the environment have in common? How do various spiritual traditions view our role in caring for the environment? Project Ploughshares presents a panel discussion featuring Dr. Anne White, Dept. of Religious Studies, U of C; Dr. David Liepert, President, Calgary Islamic Chamber Institute; Tracey Braun, Chair, Project Ploughshares Calgary. Saima Jamal will moderate the discussion, with Karen Huggins emceeding.



### The Arms Trade and Letter-Writing Campaign

**Wednesday October 8, 2014, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Learn which Canadian companies participate in the Arms Trade, and what you can do! Letter writing to specific companies will be a part of this informative evening.

### The Pros and Cons of Video Games

**Wednesday November 12, 2014 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

An evening dedicated to looking at video games - what are the impacts on children? Are there any benefits to children playing video games? Come learn more about this often controversial topic prior to the holiday shopping season! Results of Ploughshares annual Toy Audit will also be shared.

## Upcoming Calgary Peace Events



### More Ploughshares Events to watch for:

**October** - we will be conducting our Annual Toy Audit at various Calgary toy stores. **Volunteers needed for this job!** It's one of the most fun and interesting volunteer jobs you can partake in, so if you're interested, please contact Karen at office@ploughsharescalgary.ca, or call her at 403-270-7366.

**November 11** - Ploughshares will hold an alternative Remembrance Day ceremony at the Calgary Community Peace Pole to remember all people affected by war, and to create hope for a future without war.

**November 29** - The 30th Annual Holiday Peace Fair, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Parkdale United Church

**December 10** - Film showing of Joyeux Noel, which tells the true-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by the Scottish, French and German troops in the trenches of World War I. Location to be announced.

**December 13** - Project Ploughshares Holiday Open House, CommunityWise Resource Centre, 223 - 12 Avenue SW,



**Calgary Centre for Global Community and the Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary are offering these seminars with the goal of introducing participants to basic principles of peace and global citizenship.**

### Seminar Topics & Dates:

**Basic Principles of Global Citizenship** - Wednesday October 1, 2014

**Globalized Economy and Implications for Local Well-Being** - Wednesday October 29, 2014

**Peace & Conflict - Canada's Role in Principle and in Practice** - Wednesday November 27, 2014

**Narratives of Violence - The Hard Path towards Reconciliation** - Wednesday January 28, 2015

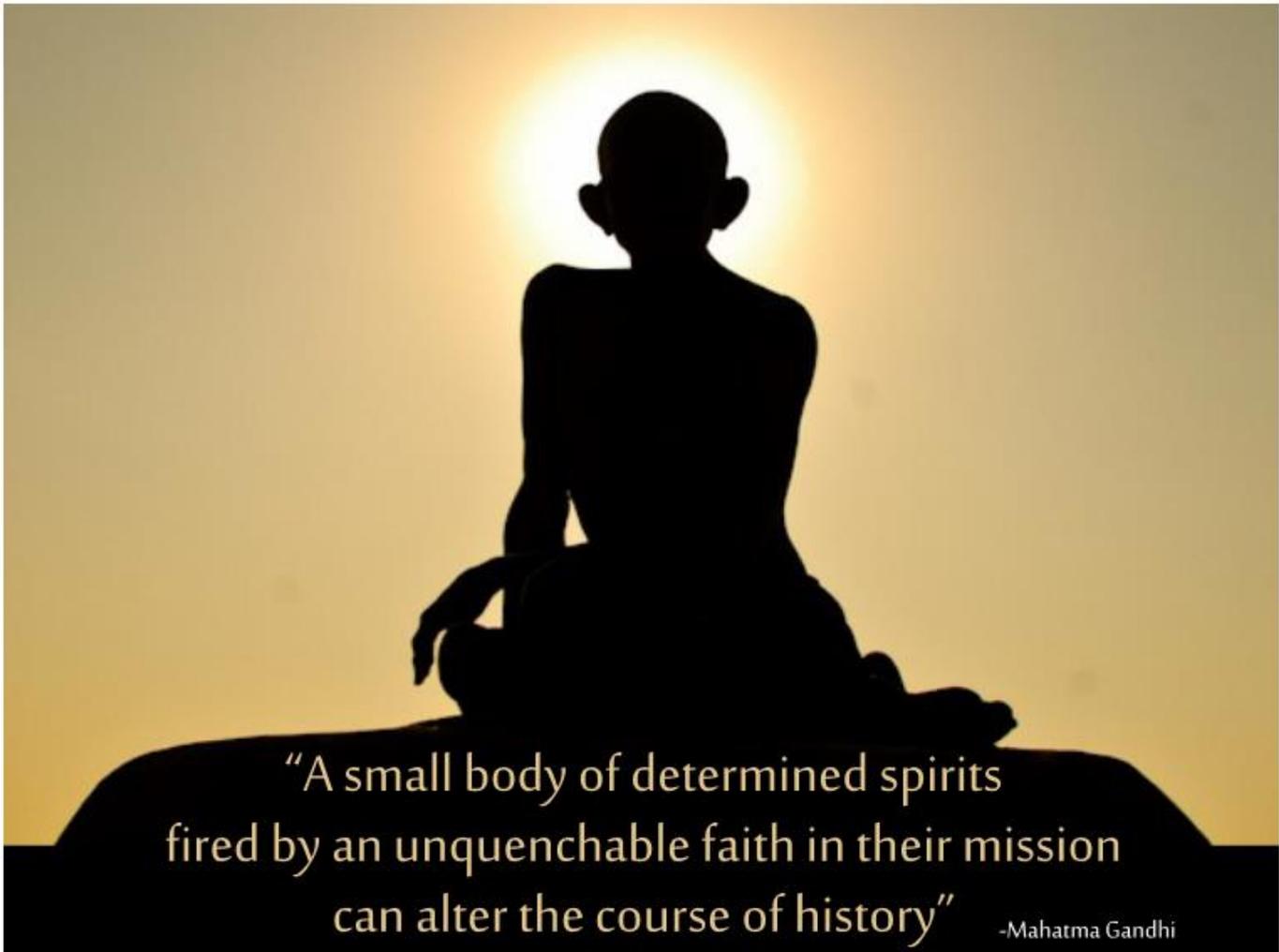
**Fundamentalism Unpacked** - Thursday February 26, 2015

**Indigenous Rights – Stories & Themes from Around the World** - Thursday March 26, 2015

**Building a Community Response to Climate Change** - Thursday April 30, 2015

**Social Activism Across Borders** - Thursday May 28, 2015

**Social Entrepreneurship to Transform Culture, Economy and the Environment** - Thursday June 25, 2015



Gala Dinner & Keynote Address

**“Looking In  
&  
Reaching Out”**



by

**Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi**  
[Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi]

Friday, October 3, 2014  
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Ramada Plaza Hotel  
3515 26 St. NE. Calgary AB. T1Y 7E3

**\$50**

[Friday Night Only]

Full Day Conference  
**Creating Connections:  
Inner Peace & Action**

Register Now:



Deadline: September 26, 2014

Saturday, October 4, 2014  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
The Kahanoff Conference Centre  
200, 105 12 Ave. SE. Calgary AB. T2G 1A1

Regular Price **\$125 / \$50** Student Price  
[Includes Entrance to Friday Night Gala Dinner]



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The **Calgary Centre for Global Community** in partnership with Mount Royal University professor Dr. Mark Ayyash, and the students of his Sociology of Social Movements course are pleased to announce the next instalment of the Human Voice Project. This year, CCGC is looking to collect 10 life stories of Calgarians who are engaged in global social movements. These stories are to be shared with Calgarians during a public audio / photo exhibit. If you know someone who fits the theme criteria, please download the nomination form and submit it by September 26. Nomination form: <http://www.calgarycgc.org/2015-exhibit.html>

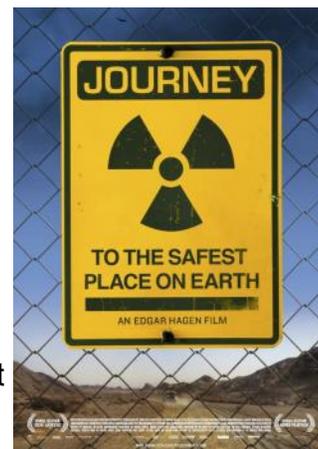
## Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

**Tuesday September 9, 2014 - River Park Church Auditorium**

**3818 - 14A Street SW**

### Alberta Premiere of 'Journey to the Safest Place on Earth'

Over the last 60 years, more than 350,000 tons of high-level nuclear waste has been amassed the world over. This material must be deposited for thousands of years in a safe place, i.e. one that will not harm humans or the environment. However, such a repository has yet to be created and the production of nuclear waste continues unabated. Swiss-based nuclear physicist and internationally renowned repository specialist Charles McCombie and some of his most important allies provide director Edgar Hagen with insight into their persistent struggle to find the safest place on earth in order to resolve this grave dilemma.



On this quest, the film travels the world, encountering a diverse range of people and places – including a heavily populated area in Switzerland, a nomadic family in the Chinese Gobi Desert, a sacred mountain in an Indian reserve contaminated by nuclear waste and demonstrators in Gorleben's forest in Germany. The film witnesses the secret arrival of a nuclear waste cargo ship in Japan and observes volunteer communities in the UK at a meeting on nuclear waste disposal. In all of these places, reason, democracy and scientific integrity are put to the test by practical constraints, strategies and fears. The film pinpoints a number of appealing options: a mayor in New Mexico is prepared to store the most dangerous substance on earth in his community for large sums of money.

Scientists investigate a vast, flat area in the Western Australian outback that could potentially be used as a repository for high-level nuclear waste from across the globe. Edgar Hagen's film raises a huge range of questions about how we are dealing with the situation today and our responsibility to future generations. If there is no other choice, is it possible to force through such a project against the wishes of local residents and, if so, is this a wise solution?



## Mennonite Central Committee News

One hundred years ago the world plunged into global war. In the First World War:

- 16 million people were killed
- 21 million people were wounded or disabled
- 1 in 10 Canadian soldiers died
- seeds were sown for another world war.

MCC invites congregations across Canada to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War by observing Peace Sunday on November 9. We encourage you to renew your commitments to peace through:

Worship, Bible study and prayer; Storytelling, reflection and witness; Action for an International Arms Trade Treaty

Find more resources and add your voice on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1522730347946159/>



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The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. – **Black Elk** (1863-1950)

**Recent Articles of Interest**

**Last Week Tonight with John Oliver - Nuclear Weapons**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Y1ya-yF35g&feature=youtu.be>

Language advisory: Not suitable for young children or those offended by very colourful language - but the content is quite brilliant.

**I Have a Dream: A World Free of Nuclear Weapons by Karipbek Kuyukov - 28/Aug/2014**

China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan and the US are still to sign the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/profile/karipbek-kuyukov-.html>

**Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 60 Year Later by Amy Goodman with Dennis Moynihan—07/Aug/2014**

[http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2014/8/7/hiroshima\\_and\\_nagasaki\\_69\\_years\\_later](http://www.democracynow.org/blog/2014/8/7/hiroshima_and_nagasaki_69_years_later)



**Project Ploughshares Calgary**

**Yes...I am interested in supporting the peace work of Project Ploughshares!**

- \$50  I'd like to make a
- \$100  monthly donation
- \$250  of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \$500  I'd like to volunteer
- \$1000
- Other Amount (Specify) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Options:  Cheque  PayPal  Cash

**Make cheque payable to Project Ploughshares Calgary or go to [www.ploughsharescalgary.ca](http://www.ploughsharescalgary.ca) to make your payment via PayPal.**

**Please mail completed form with donation to:**

**Project Ploughshares Calgary, 2919 - 8 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1C8**

**(Project Ploughshares is a charitable organization - we issue tax receipts for all donations over \$20)**